

**City Council Meeting
September 24, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Alderman Ricky Jackson gave the invocation and Mayor Burriss welcomed visitors.

Those present were Mayor Burriss, Aldermen Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, Wade, Abbott (late), Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, Barry Green, Will Sanders, and Scott Dahlstrom. Visitors were Danny Jones, Lanny Poteet, Carolyn Little, Julie Haynes, James Davis, Tommy Hyde, and Myra Elam.

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to approve the minutes from the September 10th Beer Hearing and the Council Meeting on the same date. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

There was no Recorders Report

Public Input:

Julie Haynes of 153 Sleepy Hollow Road, Trenton asked permission to hold the first annual 5K "Walk for Jesus" on November 2nd, 2013. After discussion of the times for the event and the safest route to take, the Council verbally agreed to allow her to have the event. No vote was needed to be taken.

Carolyn Little of Trenton came forward to ask the City Council to place a 31 mph sign in the Downtown Pedestrian Park in honor of the Mayor Ralph Lawler and the Trenton police officers who were serving the City when the ordinance was passed to make the legal speed limit 31 mph. Alderman Gibson expressed some concern that if we started this practice, it would difficult to stop. There was also some comments made that some people might steal the sign if it were put up. After some discussion Alderman Wade made a motion to put the sign in the park and Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Tommy Hyde expressed the wish that people walking for exercise in the mornings wear neon vests so that motorists can see them.

Myra Elam thanked Mayor Burriss, the Music on the Square Committee, and the event sponsors for holding the annual Music on the Square events. She stated that it was great for community unity and made a request that the City continue to have the events in the future.

Old Business:

Mayor Burriss reminded the Council that some would be attending the TDOT CEI Workshop on October 2nd and the Governor's Conference on October 3rd and 4th. Aldermen Gibson, Jackson, and Wade will be attending along with the Mayor.

In added piece of old business, Alderman Gibson asked the Council to accept a \$17,291.00 bid to finish the top for the stage at the Pedestrian Park. There is already \$14,000 appropriated for the project and Alderman Gibson asked for the additional \$3,291 out of the sale of the Phelan Building account. This amount will be reimbursed to that account from the sale of brick and any donations the park receives. Alderman Wade made the motion to allocate the additional \$3,291 and Alderman Hammonds seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business:

Alderman Gibson made the motion that the Council adopt Resolution 2013-R-7 which explains the City of Trenton's Internal Financial Control Policy. The resolution was requested by TML Insurance Pool. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Burriss read a letter from Jenny Corbin, bookkeeper for Trenton Light and Water, commending the Trenton City Police Department for their cooperation and help during the recent replacing of the vault door at the Utility.

City Attorney, Richard Gossum, was absent from the meeting.

Terry Bailey – no

Ricky Bailey – no

Terry Brown reported that the "Bike Across Tennessee" event at the City Park on September 16th was a huge success. He also urged that the Council agree to have the tennis court fence repainted while the courts are being renovated.

Barry Green – no

Will Sanders – no

Scott Dahlstrom – Reminded the Council of the Utility Board meeting September 25th and that our rate consultant Chris Mitchell will make a presentation. He also reminded everyone the TVA rates were rising 1.5% in October.

Alderman Gibson thanked Mayor Burriss, the MOS Committee, and the MOS Sponsors for Music on the Square.

Alderman Hammonds echoed Alderman Gibson's sentiments.

Alderman Abbott explained that after the tennis court renovation was finished, there would still be \$8,000 of project money left. Alderman Abbott made a motion that the Council split the \$7,000 bid figure to paint the tennis court fence with the Trenton Special School District and finish the project. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Alderman Overall was ill and could not attend the meeting.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the final concert of MOS was this Saturday night. He also reminded everyone that the next Freed House Committee meeting was October 1st at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor thanked the MOS Committee and sponsors for their part in making MOS a success.

With no other business, Alderman Wade made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Hammonds seconded. The motion passed 5-0.